

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday January 30th 2005

EI2FB, Silent Key

We regret to report that Liam Lyons, EI2FB passed away peacefully on Saturday January the 22nd at the South Infirmary/Victoria Hospital in Cork.

Liam was an active radio amateur and operated exclusively on CW from his home in Crosshaven, Co. Cork. He was a volunteer Morse tester for the IRTS having served time as a marine radio officer.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Siobhán and children Sean, Deirdre and Miriam. He was laid to rest on Tuesday January the 25th.

May he rest in peace.

IRTS Meeting

The next meeting of the IRTS committee will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday February the 26th at the Montague Hotel in Portlaoise.

4 Metre Activity

The Monthly 4 Metre Activity Night will be on Tuesday night next the 1st of February from 20:00 to 22:00 hours. Operators who are equipped for 70 MHz are invited to listen out for and join in any activity on 70.2625 MHz FM.

Emergency Communications

A Global Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Conference is to take place in Tampere, Finland on the 13th and 14th of June next.

Branded as GAREC-2005, details of the conference were announced by the IARU International Co-ordinator for Emergency Communications Hans Zimmermann, HB9AQS. The conference will focus on amateur radio's emergency communication role and prepare and adopt a statement to the 2005 World Summit of the Information Society.

The AREN training net continues for 2005 and the next event will take place on February 19th, commencing at 0930 hours. The primary frequency is 7.099 MHz and the secondary frequency is 3.690 MHz. This is a members only net, however non-member traffic will be taken towards the end of the event when the training session has been completed. If you have an interest in Emergency Communications please listen to the net and you are very welcome to call when invited to do so by the NCS.

Enquires about IRTS Emergency Communications are always welcome and should be directed to the Emergency Communication Coordinator John Ketch EI2GN, on 086-2593005 or via e-mail to ei2gn at ketch dot ie.

IRTS AGM and Limerick Rally

This years Trade Fair will take place on Sunday the 13th of March and is shaping up to be LRC's best yet. The events are located at the Green Hills Hotel Ennis Road, Limerick.

The IRTS AGM will follow the Trade Fair. The IRTS Dinner will be held Saturday the 12th of March at the same location. Yaesu UK, Linear Amp UK, Icom, Long Communications, South East Communications and Celcom Ireland will be exhibiting at the rally.

Entry costs 6 Euro. For up-to-date information visit the Limerick Radio Club web site on www.qsl.net/ei4lrc

Trophies

Winners of Trophies at the 2004 AGM in Limerick are reminded that in order to allow time for any minor repairs and missed engraving over the years due to late returns, trophies are now overdue for return to the awards committee. Also, Societies Clubs and individual members are reminded that Nominations are required for the non-contest trophies of which there are four.

For those involved in construction, there are two coveted awards available. See the 2003 Year Book for more information. Applications and nominations can be made to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair, Awards Committee. Trophy returns also to EI4HX at QTHR or any member of the IRTS Committee.

EI7IQ National 6 & 4 Metre Shields

A reminder to six and four meter operators that the closing date for receipt of entries for the EI7IQ Six and Four metre shields is Tuesday the 1st of February 2005. Logs should be emailed to contests at irts dot ie. Logs should show only unique QSO's, DXCC entities and grid squares. Electronic logs are preferred but paper logs may be sent to EI2JC at QTHR.

APRS

On the 17th of January, an Irish Tier 2 APRS server was brought online, see <http://ireland.aprs.net:14501> for connection details.

Tier 2 servers are deployed to take the load off the core servers as several Gigabytes of packets are seen by the core servers every day. The server was set up by John, EI7IG, using spare server capacity of the Telecommunications Software & Systems Group in Waterford Institute of Technology.

GEARS quiz

This years GEARS annual quiz night will be held on Friday the 25th of February, at the Knockagh Lodge in Greenisland, Belfast, at 20:00 hours. Further details regarding the clubs location are available at the club website at www.gn0xyz.com

As usual, the group are looking forward to as many teams/entrants as possible, and of course, all are welcome to come along for what has always been a good night's craic.

VUSAT

The planned launch of the Indian amateur radio satellite - VUSAT, has been delayed until April. The satellite will carry a 'Mode B' Linear Transponder with 435 MHz Input and 145.9 MHz Output, which will permit dozens of simultaneous SSB and CW QSOs. For more information visit the AMSAT India website on www.amsatindia.org.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Group

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday the 6th of February 2005 in Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown. Doors open at 11.00 a.m. and admission is 3 euro. Doors will open for traders at 9.30 a.m. For enquiries regarding tables, phone Tony on 01-8252074.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next Tipperary Amateur Radio Group meeting will take place on Thursday the 3rd of February at Raheen House Hotel at 8:30pm. There will be a talk-in on 145.450 MHz.

John, EI7IG, will be giving a presentation entitled "An Introduction to Automatic Position Reporting System (APRS)", and is planning a demonstration immediately afterwards. All are welcome!

South Dublin Radio Club

A new date has been set for the Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club. The AGM will now take place on Tuesday 8th March at the club QTH, at 8.00 pm. Please note the change from the previously announced date.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group has been announced for Wednesday, February the 23rd in the Roanmore Social and Sports Club, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. The meeting will commence at 8.00 p.m. but those attending are asked to be seated by 7.45 p.m.

Visitors are welcome to attend.

DUBUS Magazine Distribution in Ireland

As you know, Albert EI6AS became a silent key recently. He had been the Irish distributor for the DUBUS Magazine for many years. DUBUS is a quarterly publication for VHF, UHF and Microwave operators. DUBUS are currently looking for a new Irish distributor and also request that the former DUBUS subscribers should get in contact with them if they want to continue their subscription.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be

forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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